

This Appendix provides documentation of public and stakeholder outreach, and includes:

- Screenshots of the Public Hazard Mitigation Website
- Online Natural Hazards Citizens Preparedness Questionnaire (Citizen Survey)
- Media releases and newspaper articles on the County planning effort
- Informational handouts

Stakeholder involvement in this planning process has been broad and productive as discussed in Section 3 (Planning Process). Stakeholder input has been incorporated throughout this Plan document as identified in the references, as well as within specific mitigation initiatives identified in Volume II, Section 9.

Public Comments to web-posting of Broome County Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, February 13, 2013:

1. Municipality: Binghamton, City

Comments:

Disaster plan from contamination of waters from fracking

2. Municipality: Binghamton, City

Comments:

As i understand it, these mitigation plans are for the purpose of having an organized manner in which to prepare for natural disasters. I am a proud Broome County citizen and Binghamton resident who is excited and hopeful that we may improve our local economy, grow employment and improve our overall community perspective as it relates to health and general well-being as a result of growing our local agriculture. I believe that the hazrds of turning ours into a hydraulic fracturing community is a direct and indirect threat to any hope of improved local agriculture. Is there anything that an individual citizen may do to help there community?

3. Municipality: Maine, Town

Comments:

The mitigations plans only plan for "natural" disasters. With the Executive's plans to allow fracking on county lands as soon as it is approved by NYS, there must be a section that describes the hazards from fracking fluids and the mitigation plans for open land, open water, and well water.

4. Municipality: Binghamton, City

Comments:

Plant tress with large water-absorbing capacity along the river banks. Several species of trees exist that are capable of absorbing vast amounts of water and can survive in the Northeast.

This is a relatively cheap option that, if implemented comprehensively throughout the county, can help mitigate flooding without requiring intrusive construction projects. Moreover, lining the riverbanks with picturesque water-loving trees (think weeping willows and red maples, for instance) could really help beautify the area. Anything that can make the region appear nicer and perhaps attract successful people to make and/or keep Broome County their home would be a win for the region.

Finally, simply strategically choosing the exact spot where each tree would be planted can remedy concerns regarding intrusive roots, dehydrating other plant life, etc.

This is a relatively cheap, permanent, and low-impact option that should be seriously considered and that, as far as I could tell from my admittedly quick read, was not included or given due weight in the proposed mitigation strategies

Response:

The planning committee will entertain discussion of the inclusion of the impacts of fracking in the context of identified hazards in future plan updates.

The County mitigation strategy, as well those for several jurisdictions include vegetation management which may be expanded to include the possibility of planting trees to mitigate water issues.

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Broome County Hazard Mitigation Plan

This webpage is intended to provide information and updates related to hazard mitigation efforts in Broome County as outlined in the County-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Broome County, along with the towns and villages have developed this Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) which is an update of the 2007 plan. This plan is designed to improve response to and recovery from disasters, and prioritize projects and resources. Local governmental agencies are required to update their HMPs on a five year basis to prepare for and reduce the potential impacts of natural hazards. This planning will better enable local and State governments to articulate accurate needs for mitigation, resulting in faster allocation of funding and more effective risk reduction projects.

Broome County and the participating jurisdictions intend to implement this HMP with full coordination and participation of County and local departments, organizations and groups, as well as by coordinating with relevant State and Federal entities.

You can review the draft documents here:
[Draft Broome County All Hazards Mitigation Plan \(Jan 2013\)](#)

Comments can be submitted online via this form: [Submit Comments](#)

Comments can also be submitted in writing to the following:

Broome County Hazard Mitigation Coordinator
 Department of Planning and Economic Development
 Broome County Office Building, P.O. Box 1766
 Binghamton, New York 13902

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- Tax Collector
- Town Council
- Water & Sewer
- Dog Control



[County-Wide All Hazard Mitigation Draft Plan](#)

The Town of Chenango is the 3rd largest town in [Broome County](#), New York. The town is located on the western shore of the Chenango River and borders the northern edge of the [City of Binghamton](#). To the west are the rolling hills of the Chenango River valley. The northern border of the town reaches toward Chenango County.

The Town of Chenango includes the hamlets of Castle Creek, Chenango Bridge, Nimmonsburg, Chenango Forks & Kattelville. Located in the town is the NYS Route 12 (Front Street) north/south corridor & Interstate 81 winding towards the remainder of upstate New York.

Broome County Hazard Mitigation - Citizen Survey

1. Broome County Hazard Mitigation - Citizen Survey

CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS QUESTIONNAIRE - A hazard mitigation team has recently been established to address natural hazards that may occur in Broome County. In order to identify and plan for future natural disasters, we need assistance from County residents. This questionnaire is designed to gauge the level of knowledge local citizens have about natural-disaster issues and potential areas of vulnerability in our community to any type of natural disaster. The information you provide will help coordinate activities to reduce the risk of injury or property damage in the future.

You will be asked if your home is located in a floodplain. If you do not know, or are not sure, please check the following sources:

Broome County Geographical Information (GIS) Website: <http://www.bcgis.com>

The "One-Step Flood Risk Profile" provides a quick indication of your location with respect to delineated floodplains.

NFIP Flood Mapping should be available at your municipal building.

This survey consists of 22 questions and will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Broome County Hazard Mitigation - Citizen Survey

2. General Household Information

The following requested demographic information will aid the planning committee in determining the hazard mitigation needs of our various communities.

The answers provided in this section will be treated as CONFIDENTIAL and will be used solely for the preparation of this plan and will not be provided to any other group or interest.

1. Please indicate your age range:

- 18 to 30 31 to 40 41 to 50 51 to 60 60 or over

2. Please indicate what municipality you live in Broome County:

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Barker | <input type="radio"/> Endicott | <input type="radio"/> Port Dickinson |
| <input type="radio"/> Binghamton, City | <input type="radio"/> Fenton | <input type="radio"/> Sanford |
| <input type="radio"/> Binghamton, Town | <input type="radio"/> Johnson City | <input type="radio"/> Triangle |
| <input type="radio"/> Chenango | <input type="radio"/> Kirkwood | <input type="radio"/> Union |
| <input type="radio"/> Colesville | <input type="radio"/> Lisle, Town | <input type="radio"/> Vestal |
| <input type="radio"/> Conklin | <input type="radio"/> Lisle, Village | <input type="radio"/> Whitney Point |
| <input type="radio"/> Deposit | <input type="radio"/> Maine | <input type="radio"/> Windsor, Town |
| <input type="radio"/> Dickinson | <input type="radio"/> Nanticoke | <input type="radio"/> Windsor, Village |

3. How long have you lived in Broome County?

- Less than 1 year 10 to 19 years
 1 to 5 years 20 years or more
 6 to 9 years

4. Do you own or rent your place of residence?

- Own Rent

5. What is your zip code?

6. What is your home address? (optional, will be kept confidential - only used to identify localized hazard areas such as flooding)

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3. Natural Hazard Information

7. Please rank how prepared you feel you and your household are for the probable impacts of natural hazard events likely to occur within Broome County. Rank on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 representing the most prepared.

1 (least)

2

3

4

5 (Most)

8. In what ways do you believe you are prepared for the probable impacts from natural hazard events that may occur within Broome County? (Please check all that apply)

- I have taken precautionary measures to protect my property through retrofits or when constructed
- I have a preparedness kit consisting of basic supplies and materials for my family and myself
- I have identified the location of the nearest severe weather shelter
- I have a personal family emergency preparedness plan, and have discussed it with my family and others for whom I have responsibility
- I have at least two methods for receiving emergency notifications and for information during severe weather or other potential emergency situations
- I have insurance policies to cover losses from specific risks (e.g. flood insurance)
- I have received emergency preparedness information from a government source (e.g., federal, state, or local emergency management)
- I have used local news or other media to obtain information
- I have received information from schools and other academic institutions
- I have attended meetings that have dealt with disaster preparedness
- Other (please specify)

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9. In the past 10 years, which of the following types of hazard events have you or someone in your household experienced, or sustained damage as a result of, within Broome County, and how concerned are you about the following natural hazards impacting the area? (In the first column indicate if you have experienced the hazard, then indicate your level of concern).

	Have Experienced	Not Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Very Concerned	Extremely Concerned
Dam Failure	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Drought	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Extreme Temperatures	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Flooding - Property	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Flooding - Basement	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Flooding - 1st Floor	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Flooding - Above 1st Floor	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Flooding - Street	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hail	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hurricane\Tropical Storm	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Ice Storm	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Landslide	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Severe Storms	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Severe Winter Storms (Blizzard, Heavy Snow, Ice)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Tornado	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Utility Failure	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Wildfire	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Broome County Hazard Mitigation - Citizen Survey

10. Information on the impacts of and how to prepare for a natural disaster can be disseminated to the public in various ways. Of the information sources below, please identify the top three (3) that are MOST EFFECTIVE in providing you with information to make your home safer and better able to withstand the impact of natural hazard events.

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper - Press & Sun-Bulletin | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber of Commerce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County and/or Local Gov't. Websites | <input type="checkbox"/> TV News | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department/EMS Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government E-Mail | <input type="checkbox"/> TV Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police, Fire, EMS, 9-1-1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio News | <input type="checkbox"/> Books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Book | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Advertisements | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informational Brochures | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Advertisements | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Meetings, Workshops, or Public Awareness Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |
-

11. To the best of your knowledge is your property located in a designated floodplain?

- Yes No Not Sure

12. Do you have flood insurance?

- Yes No

13. If you do NOT have flood insurance, what is the primary reason?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> I don't need it/my property has never flooded | <input type="radio"/> Not familiar with it/don't know about it |
| <input type="radio"/> Don't need it/located on high ground | <input type="radio"/> Insurance company will not provide |
| <input type="radio"/> It is too expensive | <input type="radio"/> I believe that my homeowners insurance will cover me |

14. Do you or did you have problems getting homeowners/renters insurance due to risks from natural hazards?

- Yes No

15. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, please identify the natural hazard risk that caused you to have problems obtaining homeowners/renters insurance.

Broome County Hazard Mitigation - Citizen Survey

4. Natural Hazard Mitigation

The term mitigation means to make something become less harsh or severe, to alleviate. Mitigation activities are those types of actions you can take to protect your home and property from natural hazard events such as floods, severe storms and wildfires. Broome County and its inclusive municipalities are in the process of updating the Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan. This process is designed to formulate and document mitigation strategies that will aid our County and municipalities in protecting life and property from the impacts of future natural disasters. The following section will attempt to determine the level of knowledge citizens have about their options to protect their property from natural disasters.

16. Did you consider the impact a natural disaster could have on your home before you purchased/moved into your home?

Yes

No

17. Was the presence of a natural hazard risk zone (for example, flood zone) disclosed to you by a real estate agent, seller, or landlord before you purchased/moved into your home?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

18. Would the disclosure of this type of information influence your decision to purchase/move into a home?

Yes

No

Not sure

19. How much money would you be willing to spend on your current home to retrofit it from the impacts of potential future natural disasters within our community? Examples of retrofitting are: Elevating a flood-prone home; elevating utilities in flood-prone basements; retrofitting your roof, siding or windows to withstand high winds; removing threatening trees or branches.

Over \$10,000

Less than \$1,000

Between \$5,000 and \$9,999

Nothing

Between \$1,000 and \$4,999

Don't know

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20. If available, which of the following incentives would help to encourage you to spend money to retrofit your home from the possible impacts of natural disasters? (Please check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building permit fee waiver | <input type="checkbox"/> Property tax break or incentive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance premium discount | <input type="checkbox"/> Partial grant funding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low interest rate loan | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |
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21. If your property were located in a designated "high hazard" area, or had received repeated damages from a natural hazard event, would you consider a "buyout", elevation of the structure, or relocation offered by a public agency should it be made available?

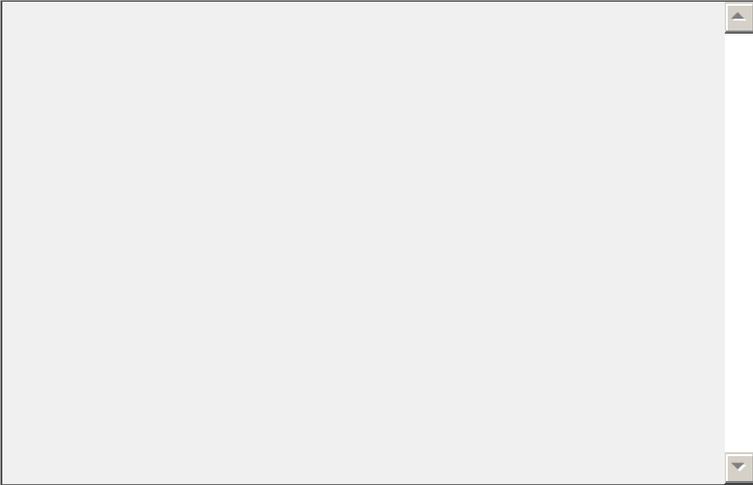
- Yes No Not sure

22. What types of projects do you believe local, county, state or federal government agencies should be doing in order to reduce the damage and disruption of natural hazards in Broome County? Rank these by importance on a scale of one to ten. (Drag and drop your choice to the appropriate location on the list.)

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| <input type="text"/> | Retrofit and strengthen essential facilities such as police, schools, hospitals |
| <input type="text"/> | Retrofit infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems |
| <input type="text"/> | Work on improving the damage resistance of utilities (electricity, communications, etc.) |
| <input type="text"/> | Install or improve protective structures, such as floodwalls or levees |
| <input type="text"/> | Replace inadequate or vulnerable bridges and causeways |
| <input type="text"/> | Strengthen codes, ordinances and plans to require higher hazard risk management standards and/or provide greater control over development in high hazard areas |
| <input type="text"/> | Buy out flood prone properties and maintain as open-space |
| <input type="text"/> | Inform property owners of ways they can mitigate damage to their properties |
| <input type="text"/> | Provide better information about hazard risks and high-hazard areas |
| <input type="text"/> | Assist vulnerable property owners with securing funding to mitigate their properties |

Broome County Hazard Mitigation - Citizen Survey

23. Other Comments:

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Draft of Broome hazard plan now available

Written by Staff report

Jan. 29

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The public is invited to comment on a Countywide All-Hazards Mitigation Plan that will guide Broome County municipalities in their efforts to mitigate the impacts of hazards. The Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development has led the development of the plan through collaboration with representatives from each of the county's 24 municipalities and other relevant agencies and organizations.

The document and a link for comments may be found at: www.gobroomecounty.com/Planning/HazardMitigation. The deadline to comment is Feb. 11.

Developed through funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with the assistance of the NYS Office of Emergency Management, the plan will make the County and its participating municipalities eligible for future mitigation funding. The goal is to identify projects that can reduce damages from future natural hazards.

While the primary hazard in Broome is flooding, other potential hazards addressed include drought, extreme temperatures, severe storms, severe winter storms and earthquakes. The study focused on existing and future buildings, infrastructure and critical facilities that might be impacted.

For more information, contact Beth Lucas in the Broome County Planning Department at (607) 778-2114 or BLucas@co.broome.ny.us.

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Tell Broome County What Kind of Hazards We Should Prepare For

1/29/2013 (Updated 11:26:49 PM)



What kind of Hazards are you expecting in your community?

If you live in Broome County, your public officials would like to know--

Although many of us might think of floods-- the county's Department of Planning and Economic Development wants your ideas of what other disasters and emergencies we should prepare for.

You can find a link to post your ideas at the county's website:

"And because it's a county-wide plan with all the municipalities involved in it, they could be looking at their municipalities and say, wait a minute something might be missing or, no, this was a little bit different than what they have down here," said Broome County executive Debbie Preston.

Other disasters could include drought, extreme temperatures, severe storms, and earthquakes.

To post your concerns, click onto gobroomecounty.com.
The deadline for comment is february 11th.

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Broome County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2013

Reducing Losses to Natural Hazards

Mission Statement

Through partnerships and careful planning, identify and reduce the vulnerability to natural hazards in order to protect the general health, safety, welfare, quality of life, environment, and economy of the residents, businesses, institutions, and communities within Broome County.

Purpose

Broome County's Office of Planning and Economic Development is leading the update of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County and its municipalities. This plan is an opportunity to detail a variety of potential hazards that could affect some or all of our residents and will also allow the County and participating municipalities to be eligible for future mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The goal of the plan is to **identify projects** that can reduce damages from future natural and non-natural hazards. The plan will include a Risk Assessment and a Hazard Mitigation Strategy. The primary hazards of concern in Broome County include Severe Storms, Flooding, and Severe Winter Storms.

The study will focus on existing buildings & potential future development, infrastructure, and critical facilities that might be impacted. Critical facilities include but are not limited to municipal buildings and infrastructure such as power-generation facilities, water utilities, roadways, railroads and communication systems.

How can I provide information to support the plan?

A public survey is posted on the County website at

<http://www.gobroomecounty.com/planning/hazardmitigation>

to obtain input and judge citizen preparedness for natural hazard events.

Please visit the site and complete the survey to provide valuable information for the planning process.

Inform the Planning Committee if you are interested in mitigation of your residential or commercial property.

Where can I review the Draft Plan and provide input if I choose?

Sections of the plan will be available for download and review at the Broome County Planning Department website (<http://www.gobroomecounty.com/planning/hazardmitigation>). Copies of the Draft Plan will also be available in the County Office of Planning and Economic Development for review.

Can I get funding to mitigate my property?

Possibly, once this Plan is approved by FEMA and adopted by the County and participating municipalities, owners of properties vulnerable to flooding may be eligible to receive funding to elevate a structure above base flood elevation, or have their property acquired by their municipality. Generally the property must have a history of NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) damage claims. The property owner may be responsible for up to 25% of the project costs. Interested property owners should contact the Village Engineer identified in this brochure.

A note about NFIP Flood Insurance:

Many properties in Broome County are subject to flooding. Even if your property has never flooded, you may still be flood prone. You can review the flood maps at www.bcgis.com to understand your flood risk.

NFIP flood insurance is available to everyone. Standard homeowner policies do NOT cover flood damage. NFIP flood insurance is available directly from your insurance agent.

If you live in or near a flood prone area get flood insurance. And if you can, mitigate your property.